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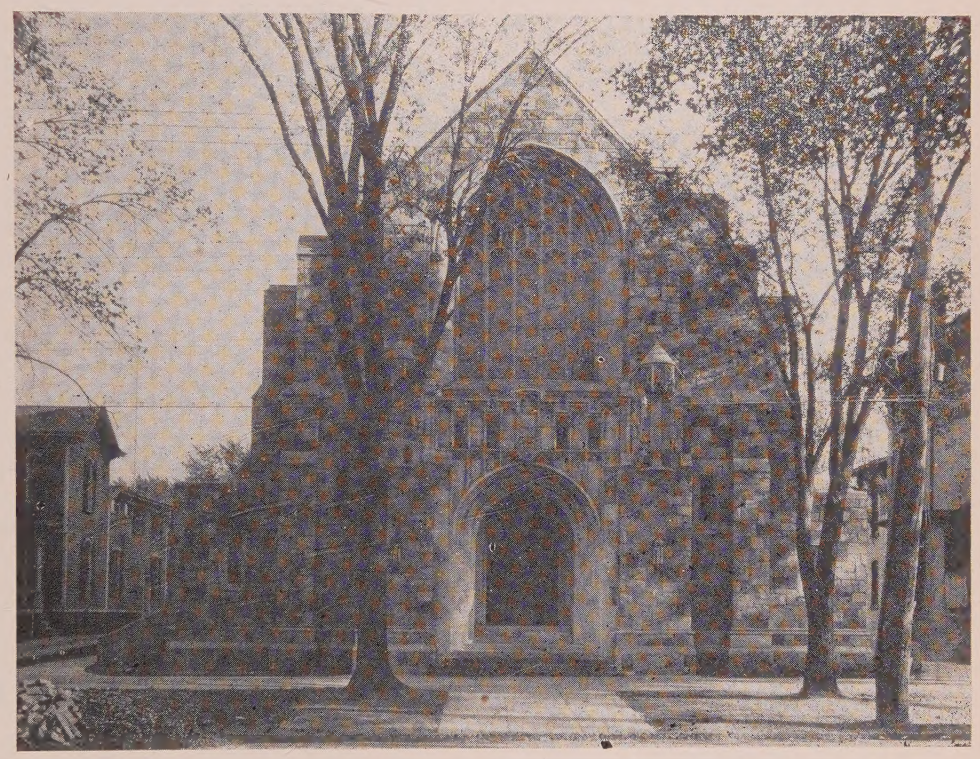

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The Luther Memorial Church, Erie, Pa., will welcome our delegates and visitors to the 15th biennial Brotherhood Service on Wednesday evening, October 2nd, 1946.

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In 1861 a group of 32 Lutheran families desiring to have a church service conducted in English, met and organized the First English Lutheran Church of Erie, Pa. This new church was born August 15, 1861 and continued under the name chosen until 1884, when, in honor of the 400th Anniversary of Luther's birth, the name was changed to Luther Memorial Church.

From such an humble beginning, during its life of 85 years, it has grown to a membership which now surpasses 2000 Baptized members, representing more than a thousand families.

The present edifice was dedicated September 19, 1926.

This congregation and its pastor extend a most cordial welcome to the men of The Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Presidential Message . . .

This is my forty-eighth and last message as your President. In these monthly epistles I have attempted briefly to stimulate thought in the minds and inspiration in the breasts of the men of the Church. so as to stir them into action.

As I have heretofore stated, an employed Christian is a happy one. Measured by that standard, we who have been active in Brotherhood work have been most happy in our labor. We now hand the lighted torch of official leadership to others and with every good wish, and a prayer that they too may be just as happy as we have been, and that by the Grace of our Heavenly Father the torch they bear may lead and guide our men into more effective service for Christ and the Church.

Faithfully yours,

L. F. Speckman

Thirty-three Percent
is the record as of July 1st on the $10,000,000 appeal for Lutheran World Action. The ULC has given only 29.8% of its quota. We are leaving a very heavy share of our quota for the second year. Churches that are not making this a year round appeal are going to have an almost impossible task to complete their quotas next May. Self-interest alone should stir us to greater action. There is no more potent means to peace than this appeal. Christ-interest is the one motive that can be strong enough to bring success. This is the supreme motive for Lutheran World Action.

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The following report
of food and clothing shipments to Germany under Lutheran World Relief has been received from our representative Rev. Carl F. Schaffnit:

"Our materials are arriving in good shape, and are being distributed just about as rapidly as they come in," Pastor Schaffnit stated in a letter from Bavaria to Dr. C. E. Krumbholz, chairman of LWR's administration committee. He said further that each truckload of goods shipped from various Hilfswerk warehouses is protected by armed guards to insure delivery to the needy.

Pastor Schaffnit revealed that 11 boxes of cloth for deaconess mother houses in Germany, to provide new garb for the workers in these institutions, have arrived at the Port of Bremen and will be distributed by the Hilfswerk.

Discussing the fact that he has received individual letters from many Americans for special services, Pastor Schaffnit pointed ou that the Hilfswerk is not permitted to accept packages for individual delivery, except for parcels from CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe).

Pastor Schaffnit said that child feeding programs with relief food sent from the United States through CRALOG have been operated on a small scale for some time. He recently visited two such projects in Lutheran Churches in Munich, the work being started by the Inner Missions.

"Other child feeding projects have been going on for some time in other areas of Bavaria," he reported. "I visited camps near Nurnberg and in Hof and helped to dedicate an institution for the feeding of undernourished children a few weeks ago."

Pastor Schaffnit added that an extensive feeding program will be launched when school opens, and that 100,000 youngsters in Bavaria alone are to receive daily supplementary meals in the public schools.

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"You might stay at home a little more," complained the young wife. "You're forever playing golf. Can't you forget it sometimes?"

"Well, dear," replied her husband, as he stuffed his cap into his pocket and shouldered his golf bag, "you know what the doctor said, 'Live on greens as much as possible'."—Christian Union Herald.

The Editor's Personal Paragraphs

Our sympathy
goes out to Martin McGrory, "Mac" to all of us, in the serious illness of his son. He had invited the executive committee and the scouting committee to meet at his summer home near Washington. It was necessary to cancel this invitation. We shall pray that the Good Physician may make His presence felt. Both father and son have given many years of national service as marines.

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There is need of the tiniest candle
As well as brightened sun;
The humblest deed is ennobled
When it is worthily done.
You may never be called to brighten
The darker regions afar,
So fill for the day your mission
By shining just where you are.

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Secretary Arthur Getz
who provides the splendid topic materials for our Brotherhoods, writes that plans for joint topics are completed. At least two other general bodies of Lutherans will use them. He has been a patient and competent representative in negotiations leading to this end. These topics will be another important step toward a united Lutheranism in America.

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A fly was walking with her daughter over the head of a very bald man.

"How things change, my dear," she said.

"When I was your age this was only a footpath."—Watchword.

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Racial antagonisms
are still a major factor in a divided and warring world. From this perspective it seems most tragic that India should be so close to self-government yet unable to solve the Moslem-Hindu differences. Indeed the rising tide of Moslem race consciousness is being felt in many parts of the world. We have chosen to believe that this is a racial question, though religious intoleranee runs a close second. So long as any group, religious or racial, is unwilling to grant freedom to any other group, there can be no democracy and no peace. Pride, as Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr has told us, is the basic sin. It is still constraining or crucifying those who are despised. America should be more concerned than ever with each outbreak of racial, class, and religious intolerance.

If One Has Failed

By WILLIAM J. LAMPTON

If one has failed to reach the end he sought,
If out of effort no great good is wrought,
It is not failure, if the object be
The betterment of man; for all that he
Had done and suffered is but gain
To those who follow seeking to attain
The end he sought. His efforts they
Will find are guide posts on the way
To that accomplishment which he,
For some wise purpose, could not be
The factor in. There is a need
Of unsuccessful effort; 'tis the seed
Whose mission is to lie beneath
The soil that grows the laurel wreath,
And he is not unworthy who
Falls struggling manfully to do
What must be done, in dire distress,
That others may obtain success.

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Dr. O. Frederick Nolde has made a place of great importance for himself and for American Lutheranism in the Church movement for world peace. As assistant to Mr. Dulles in the work of the Commission for a Just and Durable Peace he became one of the most trusted leaders in the movement to place Christian idealism in the charter of the U. N. Now after the pattern of this Commission the World Council of Churches has organized a Commission for Global Peace with 75 members, twenty of whom are American. Dr. Nolde becomes assistant director. With **Dr. A. R. Wentz** taking a leading place in the executive committee of the World Council and Dr. O. F. Nolde directing the work of this Commission, the U. L. C. should pride itself on its place in world Christianity. We should also remember these representatives with our prayers. They are helping to create this One World in the Christian sense.

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Sandy joined a golf club and was told by the professional that if his name was on his golf-balls and they were lost, they would be returned to him when found.

"Good," said the Scot, "put my name on this ball."

The pro did so.

"Would you also put M. D. after it?" said the new member. "I'm a doctor."

The pro obeyed.

"There's just one more thing," went on the Scot. "Can ye squeeze Hours 10 to 3' on as well?"—Baptist Observer.

Editorial ramblings

during the rag weed season extended over the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This paragraph is written from a perch high on a rock overlooking Lake Superior. We were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. DeVoe at their camp house. It is on the highest point along the shore off the city of Marquette. One wonders how building materials were ever toted here over the rough trails and up the steep climb. The effort and problems of building here certainly are forgotten in the grandeur of the view and the cool, clean breezes that blow off the lake. Countless miles of shore line await development. Yet much of the glory of the view would be lost without the quiet beauty of uninhabited shores and seemingly untouched forests. Lake Superior is the largest lake in the world. It is the water-highway on which there is an unending procession of freighters carrying ores from the mines, chemicals and other wood products from the trees, and limitless resources to feed the mills and factories of the east. Every American should some time visit the Upper Peninsula, not being satisfied till he reaches Copper Harbor and Isle Royale.

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Teacher: "Jimmie, what language is spoken in Algeria,"

Jimmie: "Algebra."—Watchword.

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Jawaharlal Nehru, leader of the Congress Party in India, occupied part of his time during frequent prison terms in writing an autobiography; titled "Toward Freedom." Since he becomes a number one man in the new government his life becomes of even greater interest. Some of his observations on the British are choice. To quote:

No nation that is consciously hypocritical could have the reservoir of strength that the British have repeatedly shown, and the brand of "religion" which they have adopted has apparently helped them in this by blunting their moral susceptibilities where their own interests were concerned. Other peoples and nations have often behaved far worse than the British have done, but they have never succeeded quite to the same extent, in making a virtue of what profited them."

Naturally we discount the criticism since no patriotic Indian could be objective when the British are concerned. But Nehru's closing observation has wider application. When profits are at stake it is easy to kid ourselves into taking them and adjusting our morals to the situation. We can imagine the priests in Jesus' day defending the cattle sellers and money changers in the temple on the basis of the great convenience to the worshippers. And in our day imperialism speaks of protecting the rights of dependent peoples. Profits cloud our judgments. The British are not different than the rest of us, including the people of India.

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A young hillbilly bought an ice cream cone, walked out of the drug store to eat it, then carried the cone back to the soda fountain.

Handing it to the clerk, he said: "Much obliged for the use of the vase."—Baptist Observer.

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Returned service men and women are now available to speak to your Sunday School. Through the generosity of Lutheran layman, supplemented by other funds, the travel costs will be paid. These are picked young folks who are ready to witness for the vitality of Christian faith to your people. If you do not know the details of the plan, write to Secretary William S. Avery, Parish and Church School Board, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

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Intentions must find occupation or wither, emotions must find outlet or burst.—Wilfred Grenfell.

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Joseph Stalin said a good word five years ago, one that offered assurance for a post-war world. What a clearing there would be in the atmosphere of the world if Uncle Joe would say it again and show some signs that he meant it.

We have not and cannot have such war aims as the seizure of foreign territories, the subjugation of foreign peoples, regardless of whether it concerns peoples and territories of Europe or peoples and territories of Asia, including Iran. Our first aim consists in liberating our territory and our peoples from the German Fascist yoke. We have not and cannot have such war aims as imposing our will and our regime on the Slavs and other enslaved peoples of Europe who are awaiting our aid. Our aid consists in assisting these people in their liberation struggle against Hitler tyranny and then setting them free to rule on their own land as they desire. No intervention whatever in the internal affairs of other peoples!

Another way to keep cookies and doughnuts safe from juvenile hands is to lock them in the pantry and hide the key under the soap on the washstand.—Watchword.

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Can we do business
with Russia? Present experience at Paris, in the U. N., and in various other places seems to say "No!" Democracy and totalitarianism do not mix. We must understand that Russian leaders have no standard of morality apart from the spread of communism. If any policy seems to further its interest it is right. Even an agreement that seemed to the disinterest of communism would not be allowed to stand in the way of its progress. The one way to get along with Russia is to help its leaders to see that a political doctrine is to be judged by its fruits. We are willing that they try out communism in their boundaries, but not willing that it be forced upon neighboring nations. We must make democracy work here and now. It must be demonstrated that justice to all classes and races can be given under democracy. A money-mad, luxury-loving America has little to offer to show the world that democracy can work. Grafting politicians, profit-hungry captalists, racketeering labor leaders, rising tides of crime and immorality, these are dangerous to American prestige and are grist for the communistic mill.

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Minds are like parachutes; they only function when they are open.—Baptist Observer.

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Dr. O. A. Geisman
is pastor of Grace Church, (Mo. Synod) Chicago. He has gained a well deserved reputation as a preacher. His sermons appear in many homiletical magazines and his books are widely read. As with many churches of his Synod, he operates a parochial school and uses psychological placement tests on the children before admission. If Lutherans are to insist on parochial schools they must be prepared to use the latest and best educational methods. Some of our own ULC pastors are talking parochial schools as the only solution to our educational problem. A parochial school must be as well equipped and as adequately administered as the tax supported school. In addition it must provide religious education.

Bible Lexicography
By Pastor Roger G. Imhoff

THE SPIRIT OF GOD . . .
hath made us
casts out devils
dwelleth in you
leads the Sons of God
doeth mighty signs and wonders
is foolishness to the neutral man
sanctifies us.

Did you miss this feature in September issue? Credit the omission to the throes of fatherhood. Congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. Imhoff on the birth of David Ernest. Another brother for the Brotherhood! Ed

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During the last 50 years,
29 years have been added to our life expectancy. You could almost say that the average person will live twice as long in 1946 as in 1896. In that time there are 5 times as many in prison, 7 times as many in mental institutions and 5 time as many divorced couples. Morally and mentally we are not keeping up with physical progress. What people need is faith in God as revealed in Jesus Christ. Here alone is the final answer to the fears and frustrations of life. The Church has the answer.

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A Negro child had been told by his mother that the lion was the strongest animal in the world. "A lion can whup anythin'" the boy's mother assured him "—a horse, a man, even a elephant, I 'spec—anythin'."

One day the boy brought home a colored print showing a young man, with his bare hands, tearing the jaws of a lion. "Mammy," he said, dubiously, "how come this picture, if a lion is so strong, lak you say?"

"Honey chil'," the mother replied without hesitation, "Ah reckon no lion done painted dat picture."—Contributed by Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach in Quote.

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John Crosby,
columnist for The Chicago Sun, wrote a timely message on Tolerance in the issue of August 31st. He said that it is generally assumed that any radio program against intolerance is admirable. But he gives instance to show that a good program attacking intolerance may itself be a good example of intolerance. Orson Welles told a Negro veteran blinded by brutal beating in Aiken, S.C. Later it developed that the attack was not made at Aiken, but in another town. Then Welles reported that his picture was barred in Aiken and a public bonfire made of the advertising posters in childish reprisal. Then Welles threatened to pursue to the grave the sheriff who beat the Negro. If there was a trial he would attend it. If the sheriff were sentenced he would go with him to see that he was properly jailed, or words to that effect. Welles, in short, would haunt the man. As Mr. Crosby wrote, "Boo!" There is far too much good thwarted by the spirit in which it is done. Even our preachers sometimes forget this. It is so much more exciting to war upon sinners than to woo them and win them for Christ.

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The Gospel of Art
By KENYON COX

Work thou for pleasure: paint or sing or carve
The things thou lovest, though the body starve.

Who works for glory misses oft the goal;
Who works for money coins his very soul.

Work for the work's sake, then, and it may be
That these things shall be added unto thee.

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A psychologist
recently said "You can do many very good things from very bad reasons." He was speaking particularly on the mistakes parents make with their children. They must be able to think with their children, know why they do and say what they do, or make an entire failure in parenthood. The importance of motivation can be more widely applied. Did you ever realize that psychology supports the doctrine that we are saved by faith, not by works? It is shallow thinking that claims credit for "living a good life." No act is Christian simply because it is what Jesus would have done in the circumstances. "The love of Christ constrains" was Paul's statement of Christian motivation. There are a lot of pagans who act like Christians and for that we may be thankful. It would be a still more horrible world if they didn't. But the Christian life flows out of the Christian heart.

Report of The President

The editor has selected the ollowing extracts from the report. Space will not allow the printing of the entire report.

Ten years ago at the Springfield, Ohio convention attended by a small group of faithful men of the church, I was honored by being placed in the official line of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church, and four years ago at the Louisville Convention elected to the high and exalted office of the Presidency. During those years in the exercise of the duties of the offices you have entrusted to me I have met and associated with some of the finest and most lovable Christian gentlemen it has been my pleasure to meet. We have not always agreed on our methods of operation and the policies to be followed, but there has never been any doubt in my mind about the interest and love of their calling and the sincerity of their intentions. For this and the fellowship created by our frequent meetings I am most grateful to you who have given me this rare privilege.

The last four years, as we all well know, have been most trying and difficult ones. Young and vigorous men and women, the flower of our Nation, have been called from their peaceful pursuits and impressed into the active armed services of their Country by the Gods of war. Those whom we so fondly hoped would be trained for active service and leadership in the Church and our Brotherhood organizations, were rudely snatched from our midst by a Presidential greeting of a kind entirely different than the one I herewith submit to you. Our thoughts and desires to save the world for Christ were directed by the Gods of war to save civilization from utter destruction of itself.

The forces of evil finally spent themselves and the fighting ceased, but peace has not yet been attained, and will not be until Jesus Christ has been invited to sit at the peace table. To that end we hope and pray at this time.

The perils of war did attract many to the Throne of Grace and did throw upon others a consciousness of their utter dependence upon Divine Guidance in their sore distress. The drain upon the resources of Christian people of our land during this trying period was terrific, and its impact upon our efforts to organize and train young men for service in the Church was keenly felt by your official staff. Nevertheless, in the face of all of the difficulties incident to a World War, the report of our activities as revealed by our Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary, will show commendable progress in the carrying out of our objectives during the past biennium.

Our Financial Outlook

In my April 1946 message I said:

"There has always been a struggle to adequately finance the organization. This should not be. A laborer is worthy of his hire. If the Brotherhood is of any value at all it is worthy of the support of the men of the Church. It is not an organization of individuals, but of Congregational, Conference, District and Synodical Brotherhoods, and it should be supported by such organizations.

"The dues paid in by those organizations are not adequate to maintain the organization, and as a result your officers are forced to annually appeal to individuals for contributions, devise message stamps, and anniversary offerings. All of those efforts cost time, labor, and money which could be used to better advantage.

"I intend to propose to our next Convention in October that the dues paid by the Congregational Brotherhoods be on a basis of $1.00 per year for each active member in the Congregational Brotherhood, and that we set aside one day in the year—Brotherhood Sunday—which is the third Sunday in October, as a Brotherhood Roll Call, and that all other appeals for financial support be discontinued."

There were several sound reasons for that message at that time.

1. That it may direct the thought and attention of the men of the Church to the financial needs of the Brotherhood.

2. Having directed their thoughts and attention, a lively discussion might ensue during a period of six months prior to the Convention which would result in all minds meeting and acting at the convention without undue haste and friction.

As to the per capita plan proposed, I offer no apologies. It is simple, feasible, and needs no defense. It is the plan adopted by our Church and known as the apportionment. It deserves to be adopted because it is the only fair and just way to solve our financial obligations and to insure the continued progress of our organization.

Brethren I am not so concerned about how the dollar is to be divided, or even that it be a dollar; that is a detail that can and will be worked out after the plan is adopted, but I am concerned about continuing an obsolete, unfair and complicated financial plan which has proved its inability to support the Brotherhood properly, over a period of more than 25 years. I therefore propose that Section VI of the By-laws, entitled "Dues" Item 1, which reads as follows:—

ITEM 1. To meet the expense of the Executive, Administrative and Promotional work of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America and in order to secure active membership therein, every Congregational Brotherhood in The United Lutheran Church in America shall contribute annually dues in proportion to its membership as set forth in the following schedule:—

10 members or less	$ 3.00
11 to 25 members	5.00
26 to 50 members	7.50
51 to 100 members	10.00
101 members and over	12.50

be amended at this Convention to read as follows:

ITEM 1. To meet the expense of the Executive, Administrative and Promotional work of the Brotherhood of the U.L.C.A., every congregational Brotherhood, or Men's organization in the United Lutheran Church in America, shall contribute, annually, dues into the Treasury of the Brothhood of the U.L.C.A. in proportion to its membership as reported on June 30th of each year, a minimum of One Dollar ($1.00) per each member so reported. Payment to be made not later than November 1st of each year."

Under the Constitution and By-laws of our organization, an amendment to the By-laws must be proposed in writing on the day previous to its adoption and must be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting. I would suggest that Item 3 of Section 6 be stricken, reading as follows:

ITEM 3. Each Synodical Brotherhood shall pay to the Treasurer of the Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America annual dues determined by the number of Brotherhoods or Men's organizations in the Synod, the sum of Fifty Cents (50c)

for each active congregational brotherhood affiliated.

Article VIII — Amendments

"This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular convention, provided, notice of such amendment shall have been given in writing to the Executive Committee, and the same be published in the official periodical of the Brotherhood at least three (3) months prior to the convention at which same may be voted upon, and same shall have been approved by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America."

Both of these amendments were submitted on May 1, 1946 to the Executive Board of the U.L.C.A. for their approval.

In this connection the Executive Board of the U.L.C.A. has requested that we amend Section XII of our By-laws—entitled "Amendment" by adding the following:

"Amendments to these By-laws shall not become effective until approved by the Executive Board of the U.L.C.A."

By action of the Executive Committee on November 10, 1945 the request was approved, and action on this amendment is requested at this convention.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

In accordance with the provision of our constitution I gave written notice at the 1944 Convention in Minneapolis that I would propose to amend Articles II and VIII of our Constitution to read as follows:

Article II—Objectives

"The objectives of this organization as an auxiliary of the Church shall be:

1. Evangelize: To win the man outside the church into the fellowship of the Church, secure the return of lapsed members, and promote a larger attendance of men at the services of the Church.
2. Educate: To organize and train the men and boys of the Church in Christian Service, and to study, teach and practice Christian Citizenship.
3. Energize: To stimulate the congregations of the Church through educational, inspirational, and promotional effort to meet the apportionment of the Church in full."

Lutheran Unity

In my report two years ago I mentioned that an exploratory conference had been held by some of the laymen of the Missouri Synod, U.L.C.A., and American Lutheran Conference groups, and stated we were hopeful of results.

Unexpectedly and providentially, I firmly believe, Mr. Heiby Ungerer of our own U.L.C.A. group and Mr. Ernest Gallmeyer, President of the Laymen's League of the Missouri Synod, met and found they both were of the same faith and mind, and as a result, unofficially, called a meeting of fifteen laymen, five from each of the three groups, to meet in Pittsburgh, Pa. on July 15, 1945, and as a result established a movement known as Lutheran Men in America, whose purpose it is to intensify cooperative efforts among Lutherans. This is not another organization, but a movement. It has no elective officers or constitution.

"The aims of LUTHERAN MEN IN AMERICA ARE:

1. To develop better understanding and fellowship among all Lutherans.
2. To help meet the great challenge which has come to all Christendom as the result of the world crisis arising out of the war.
3. To foster publicity looking toward a wider dissemination of the Christian philosophy of life.
4. To encourage local fellowship and cooperation among all Lutherans.
5. To encourage Christian education at all age levels.

In January 1946 the same men, with fifteen more added, met in Chicago for a two day conference and reaffirmed the aims and purposes expressed at the first meeting. It is the intention to call similar conferences from time to time so as to enlarge our fellowship and mutual understanding. It has been my good fortune to be present and take part in both of these gatherings, not as a representative of the Brotherhood of the U.L.C.A., or representing any one or any organization, but merely as a Lutheran Layman. Any movement of this character is bound to be of great use and benefit to the Church and to the advancement of the Lutheran faith as a whole, and should receive our unreserved support. The men in the other great Lutheran groups are men of like faith as we are and it thrills one to meet and have fellowship with them. I am confident that all seeming differences would disappear if and when the three great groups meet in the same spirit of fellowship and adopt the principles, the aims, and purposes of the Lutheran men in America.

Official Travels

During my two terms, four years of office, it has been my privilege and pleasure by the Grace of our Heavenly Father, to attend and preside at every Administrative and Executive Committee meeting, most of which have been held in or near Philadelphia. In addition I have represented the Brotherhood at a U.L.C.A. Executive Board Committee meeting in New York April 12, 1944 and six meetings of the Board of Governors of American Federation of Brotherhoods held in Chicago, Ill., and Cleveland, Ohio, and an Exploratory Conference in Ft. Wayne, Ind. As your President, by invitation I attended Synodical and Conference Conventions in Philadelphia, Pa., New Haven, Conn., Concord, N. C., and Louisville, Ky. I also attended the meeting of the Mountain Work Committee of the Board of American Missions in October 1945 at Komarock, Va. It has also been my pleasure to attend each meeting of our Boy Scout Committee, held prior to the meeting of the Administration Committee. The last one being held at the Mountain cabin home of Chairman Foster, Harrisburg, Penna., on June 14, 1946, and Executive Committee on the following day. Attended Boy Scout dinner in Baltimore on February 8, 1946, and sponsored another Scout dinner in Louisville, Ky., on May 24, 1946.

We meet here in our 15th Biennial Convention under the theme "Rebuilding for Christ," based upon Nehemiah 4:6, "So build we the wall—for the people had a mind to work."

We here propose to rebuild the walls of Peace, Morality, Justice, Fair Play, and Prosperity through and by Evangelism, Boy's Work, Christian Stewardship, and Lutheran Unity. But we can do it only when you have the mind to work.

Let me remind you that it is not what you receive, it is what you give that counts. I pray that you may receive inspiration so that it will create in you a desire to work and only in that way may the walls be rebuilt.

Faithfully yours,
L. F. Speckman.

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Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.—Robert Wise.

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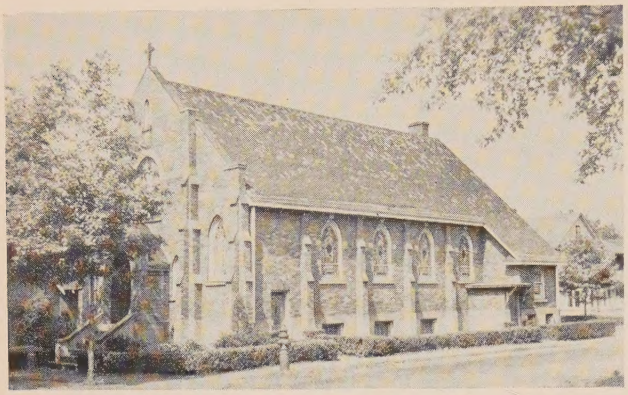

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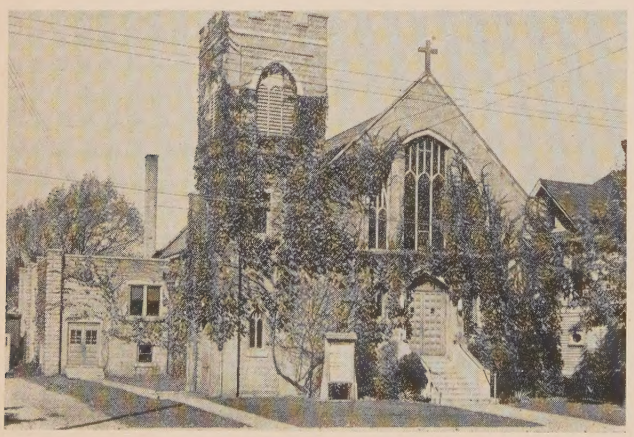

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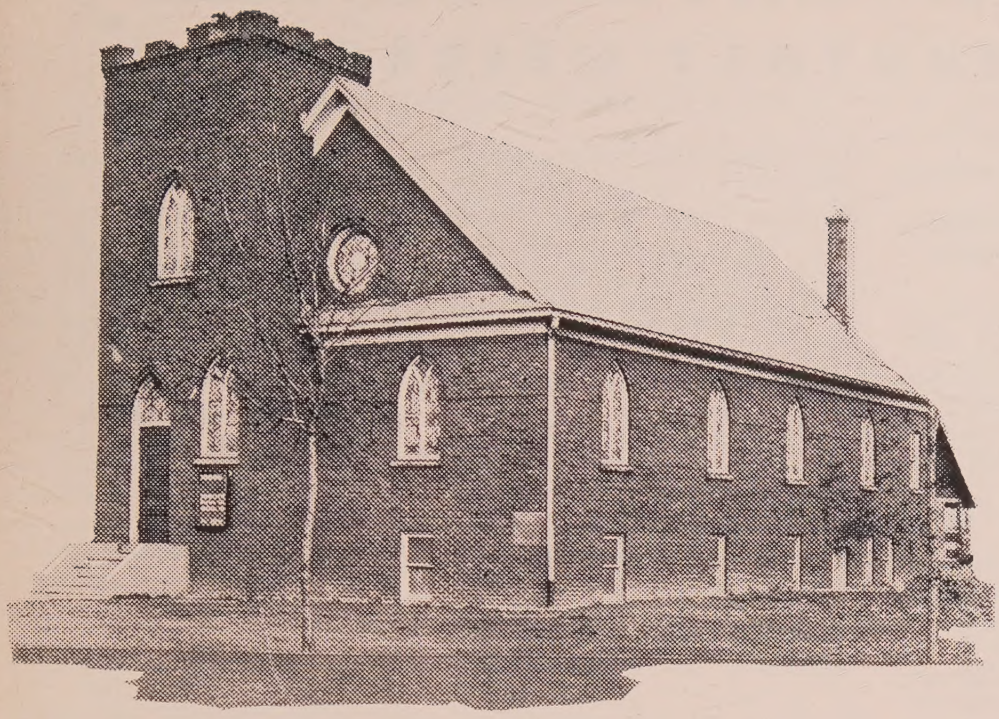

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The Executive Secretary's

MONTHLY MESSAGE

MR. EARLE W. BADER, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

A Cordial Welcome

A Cordial Welcome to Brotherhood and U.L.C.A. Delegates and Visitors

It is my happy privilege to extend a cordial invitation to the Brotherhood and U. L. C. A. delegates and friends to attend the 15th biennial convention of The Brotherhood to be held in the Masonic Temple, Erie, Pa., October 2-4, 1946.

We expect that every minister and layman who can possibly do so will register and attend the Brotherhood Convention. This first peace time convention will be one of the most critical meetings in the history of the Brotherhood. The unparalleled growth of our organization, places upon each layman the immediate responsibility for developing plans to coordinate the future expansion of the Brotherhood.

Important Matters to Be Considered

The Convention Theme—**"Rebuilding for Christ"** — suggests the vital need for spiritual reconsecration at home and abroad. The "Six Objectives" of the Brotherhood will be emphasized at the Convention Sessions and special consideration will be given to **Evangelism — Boy Scouting — Christian Stewardship** and **Lutheran Unity.**

Brotherhood Officers' Conference

An important meeting of the U. L. C. A., Synodical and Conference Brotherhood Officers will be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 2nd. The recommendation of this Conference will serve as a guide for the convention in setting up a new financial program which will affect every Brotherhood organization in the Church.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, New York City, President of the U. L. C. A., and the national Brotherhood officers will attend the Conference. An opportunity will also be given to discuss specific problems arising from Brotherhood promotion in the field. All Brotherhood officers are urgently requested to attend this meeting.

Local Committee Arrangements

The Erie Committees have been working on the convention details for many months, and if you and your family and friends are fortunate enough to attend the convention, you will find a grand reception awaiting you.

Register Now for the Convention Reports

We are planning for an "on-the-spot" report of the Erie Convention High-lights. These High-lights will be ready for distribution at the close of the Convention on Friday afternoon, October 4th. They will give you a day by day account of the important actions of the convention and should enable you to make an intelligent report based on facts, to the October or November meetings of your congregational Brotherhoods.

Kindly clip the **Registration** blank appearing in the September issue and mail with the **Two Dollar** fee and you will receive the convention packet, including souvenir program and badge, together with the convention issue of LUTHERAN MEN. This is in addition to the Convention High-lights and the complete convention minutes which are the official record of all of our conventions.

Every pastor and interested layman should register now and be assured of this valuable information.

Reserve Your Hotel and Travel Accommodations

If you are planning to attend the convention. we respectfully suggest the following:

(1) That you return the Registration blank with remittance to Brotherhood Headquarters, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to receive your convention delegate credentials.

(2) Clip the Hotel Reservation card appearing in the September issue and mail to J. D. Magenau, Esq., 314 Shenley Drive, Erie, Pennsylvania, Chairman, Hotel and Housing Committee, with the desired information. Be sure to indicate whether you prefer accommodations in a hotel or in a private home with a Lutheran family.

Convention Sessions

The convention will open with a Brotherhood Service in the Luther Memorial Church, Erie, Pa. on Wednesday evening, October 2nd. The business sessions will start on Thursday morning, October 3rd and continue through Friday, October 4th in the Masonic Temple, Erie, Pa.

Fellowship Banquet

The Fellowship Banquet has become a traditional event at our conventions. We again extend a cordial invitation to the ladies to be our guests on this enjoyable occasion. The banquet will be held on Thursday evening, October 3rd with formal or informal dress, as desired. The uncertainty regarding food costs, menus, etc. will make it impossible to accept advance banquet reservations. The Masonic Temple Ballroom (where the banquet will be held) has a comfortable seating capacity of 1200 persons, and your banquet tickets can be procured from the local committee when you arrive at the convention.

N.B. — The Brotherhood will not have done its duty until every congregation in the U.L.C.A. meets its LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION quota in full.

Inter-Lutheran Brotherhood Topics for 1947

A new series of inter-Lutheran Brotherhood Topics will be presented in LUTHERAN MEN starting with the January 1947 issue. These Topics selected by a joint committee representing the American Lutheran—Augustana Lutheran—Norwegian Lutheran and the U. L. C. A. Brotherhoods, will become the basis for the monthly discussions in all of the congregational units affiliated with these general Lutheran Bodies. The writers of the topics include some of our most influential Lutherans in the United States and Canada.

We believe these inter-Lutheran Topics will help to promote Christian fellowship and a better understanding among the Lutheran Brotherhoods of America, which will be a big step in the direction of Lutheran unity.

The topics to be presented in 1947 include the following:

January: Fostering World Missions
February: Guiding Boys to Christian Growth
March: Extending the Church at Home
April: Caring for Our Own (Lutheran World Action)
May: Developing Christian Family Life
June: Promoting Christian Higher Education
July: Practicing Christian Citizenship
August: Strengthening Christian Fellowship
September: Providing Leadership in Parish Education
October: Rethinking Brotherhood Work
November: Expressing Thanksgiving Through Thanksliving
December: Sharing Men's Needs

Dr. Albert E. Iverson

National Director of Protestant Relationships Service Boy Scouts of America

Through the past year, we have been searching the country over for a man of outstanding ability, having Pastoral experience, and wide Scouting background, who could head up our National Protestant Relationships Service. All Regional Executives and many Local Executives have nominated men for this position.

We are happy to announce the appointment of Dr. Albert E. Iverson of Minneapolis, who will take up his duties as Director of our Protestant Relationships Service on September 1, 1946.

Dr. Iverson is a graduate of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, and Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. He served a Pastorate at Heron Lake and Brewster, Minnesota, and for the past six years, has been stationed at Minneapolis, serving as Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood and Board of Pensions of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America.

Dr. Iverson has also served as Chairman of the National Lutheran Committee on Scouting. He is a member-at-large of our National Council and has been for several years a member of our Protestant Committee. He has been one of the outstanding leaders in developing our cooperative program with all Synods of the Lutheran Churches.

Dr. Iverson has been a Cubmaster and a Scoutmaster. In recent years, he has delivered a number of Scouting talks to Lutheran conventions and to Local groups of Lutheran Pastors in many of our larger cities. Scout Executives have expressed their appreciation for Dr. Iverson's ability and helpfulness.

Therefore, without reservation, we of the National Staff, commend Dr. Iverson to all cooperating Church groups and to the administrative officers of our Local Councils, as a man well equipped to direct the cooperative relationships between the Boy Scouts of America and all Protestant Churches. He will assist in the organization of denominational and interdenominational committees for Scouting and the church. He will have direct supervision of the Church Scout Awards for boys of all Protestant Churches, such as the "For God and Country" and the "Pro Deo et Patria" Awards, and he will work with the National Protestant Committee and denominational leaders to accomplish a more complete integration of the Boy Scout Program with the total program of Christian Education in the various Protestant denominations.

Dr. Iverson will serve as Secretary of the Protestant Committee on Scouting, and all correspondence dealing with Scouting in the Protestant Churches should be directed to him at Two Park Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

Ray O. Wyland,
Director of Relationships.

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Brotherhood Sunday, Oct. 20th

Brotherhood Sunday will be observed on the third Sunday in October — **October 20th,** as a red-letter day in most of the Lutheran churches throughout the United States and Canada.

A Brotherhood Sunday packet has been mailed to the pastor and president of each men's organization in the U.L.C.A. This year's packet contains a handsome poster, sermon outline, 28th anniversary offering envelopes, literature order blank and program suggestions for addresses, in addition to a six-page Brotherhood Sunday Service folder. This folder is based on the Erie Convention Theme —**"Rebuilding for Christ."**

Arrange Your Brotherhood Sunday Program Now

The 1946 Brotherhood Sunday packet was placed in the mails on September 3rd in ample time to arrange your Brotherhood Sunday observance.

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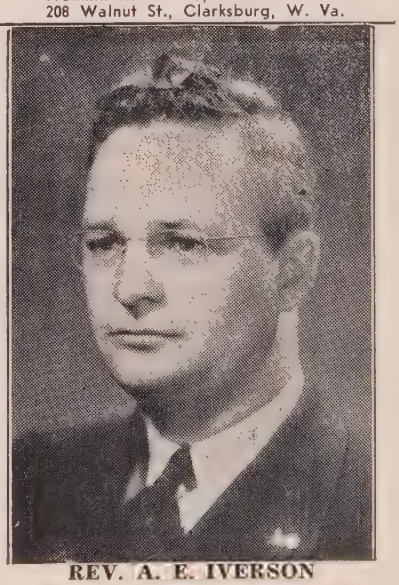

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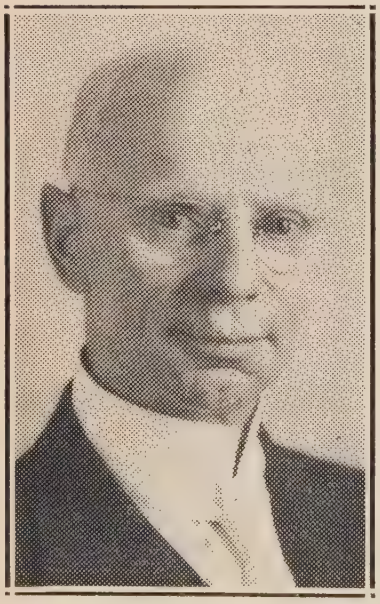

Rev. J. H. Reble, D.D.
President of Canada Synod
Waterloo, Ont., Canada

Rebuilding

Through *Evangelism* —

SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 4:6 — "So built we

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 2nd

10:00 U.L.C.A. Brotherhood Administrative Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, October 2nd

2:00 U.L.C.A. Brotherhood Executive Committee Meeting
3:00 Brotherhood Officers' Conference

WEDNESDAY EVENING, October 2nd

7:30 The Brotherhood Service—Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
Sermon—The Rev. O. Garfield Beckstrand, D.D., Rockford, Ill., Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church.
Greetings—The Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., New York City, President, U.L.C.A.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 3rd — Auditorium, Masonic Temple

8:00 Registration of delegates and vistors
9:00 Devotions—Convention Chaplain, The Rev. J. H. Reble, D.D., President, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada
Business
Addresses of Welcome
Reports of Officers
11:00 Address: "A BIG JOB FOR LUTHERAN MEN"—The Rev. Royal E. Lasher, New York City, Director of Evangelism, U.L.C.A.
Discussion
Adjournment
12:15 Fellowship Luncheon

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, October 3rd — Auditorium, Masonic Temple

1:45 Devotions—The Rev. J. H. Reble, D.D.
Business
Reception of new Georgia-Alabama Synodical Brotherhood
Group Singing
3:00 Address: "SCOUTING IN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH"—The Rev. A. E. Iverson, D.D., New York City, Director, Protestant Relationships, The Boy Scouts of America; Chairman, Lutheran Committee on Scouting.
Presentation—PRO DEO ET PATRIA awards and citations
Investure of new congregational Boy Scout Troops
4:00 Address: "LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION"—The Rev. Paul C. Empie, D.D., New York City, Director, Lutheran World Action.
Business
Closing Prayer
4:45 Adjournment

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Dr. Millard F. Gladfelter
Provost of Temple University
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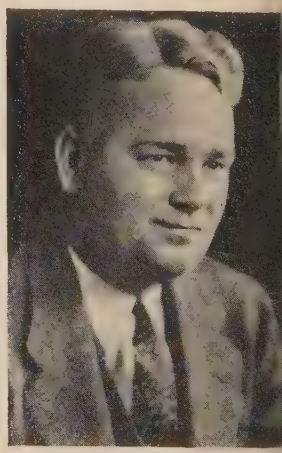

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For Christ!

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Convention Sessions Will Be Held in the Masonic Temple

THURSDAY EVENING, October 3rd — Fellowship Banquet
Ballroom, Masonic Temple

Presiding: The President of the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood
6:30 Invocation—The Rev. H. Reed Shepfer, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa., President, The Pittsburgh Synod.
Toastmaster—The Rev. Amos J. Traver, D.D., Springfield, Ohio, Editor, "LUTHERMAN MEN."
Address: "AN INVENTORY FOR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP"—Dr. Millard F. Gladfelter, Philadelphia, Pa., Provost, Temple University.
Presenting the Erie Convention Committee
Prayer and Benediction—The Rev. John E. Bermon, Erie, Pa., President, Lutheran Pastoral Association of Erie; Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 4th — Auditorium, Masonic Temple

9:00 Devotions—The Rev. J. H. Reble, D.D.
Business
Group Singing
10:30 Address: "CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP"—Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, New York City, Stewardship Secretary, U.L.C.A.
Intermission
11:15 Address: "TOOLS A MAN CAN USE"—The Rev. Harvey Clark, Chicago, Ill., District Secretary, American Bible Society.
11:30 Memorial Service
11:55 Closing Prayer
12:00 Adjournment
Election of Officers and Executive Committee
12:15 Brotherhood Officers' Luncheon

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, October 4th — Auditorium, Masonic Temple

1:45 Devotions—The Rev. J. H. Reble, D.D.
Report on Elections
Report of Committee on President's Report
Business
3:30 Address: "LUTHERAN UNITY"—Mr. E. J. Gallmeyer, Fort Wayne, Ind., Member, Board of Directors of Missouri Synod; Past President, Lutheran Laymen's League.
4:00 Report of Resolutions Committee
Installation of Officers
Report of Registration Committee
5:00 Formal Closing of Convention

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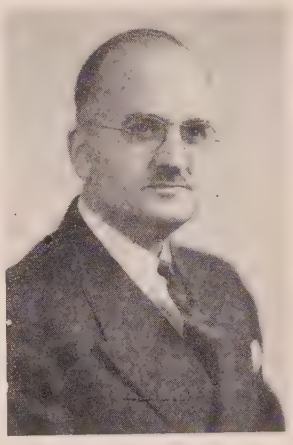

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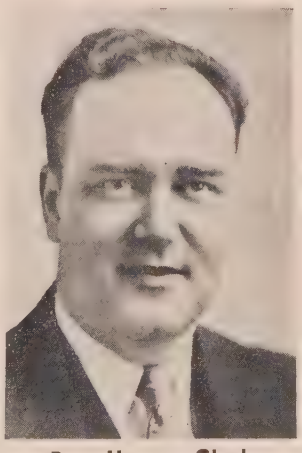

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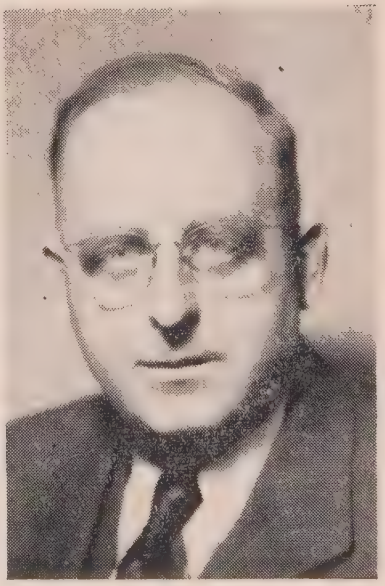

Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton
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The success of your Brotherhood Sunday service will depend upon the wholehearted cooperation of your pastor and men's group. Your Brotherhood officers should meet with their pastor and representatives of the church council and arrange a challenging program to include several brief talks by your Brotherhood members on some phase of Brotherhood work. Many pastors will wish to preach a special sermon, and while this is very desirable, an opportunity should also be given the laymen to participate in the service.

Program Suggestions

Some Brotherhoods may find it desirable to arrange a Brotherhood Sunday program that will have a more specific appeal to their groups. It is with this idea in mind that we respectfully submit the following program suggestions:

Hymns:

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
"The Church's One Foundation"
"Rise, Ye Children of Salvation"
"Onward, Christian Soldiers"
"The Son of God Goes Forth to War"
"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
"Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak"
"Christ for The World We Sing"
"The Sign of the Cross and the Heart"

Psalms:

Nos. 46, 84, 89, 90, 91, 100, 103, 145

Subjects for Addresses

"Faithful Men"
"Forward With Christ"
"The Brotherhood, Its Purpose and Program"
"Sharing The Wealth"
"The Brotherhood Objectives"
"A Serving Manhood"
"The Brotherhood. A Field of Service"
"Onward, Christian Soldiers"
"Laymen Witnessing for Christ"
"Our Call to Service"
"Ministering To Our Service-Men"
"Victory Through Christ"
"Brotherhood Loyalty"
"Rebuilding for Christ"

Scripture Lessons:

Deuteronomy 10: 12-21
Matthew 22: 34-36
Romans 12
Ephesians 6: 10-17
St. John 15: 1-16
I Corinthians 16: 13
I John 5: 4
I John 4: 7-21
Nehemiah 4: 6

Topics for Five-Minute Talks:

"Our Brotherhood—
a. Its accomplishments
b. Program for the coming year."
"Why Have An Annual Brotherhood Service?"
"What the Brotherhood Offers to Our Men"
"What the Brotherhood Has Meant to Me"
"How the Brotherhood Can Best Serve Our Pastor and Congregation"
"The 'LUTHERAN MEN' Topics"

28th Anniversary Offering

A packet of twenty-five envelopes to receive your individual 28th anniversary offering has been mailed to the president or pastor of each men's group in the U. L. C.A. These envelopes are to be distributed at your September meeting and will be received and consecrated for the promotional work of the U. L. C. A. Brotherhood at your Brotherhood Sunday Service on October 20, 1946.

The 28th anniversary offering will be used to establish new congregational Brotherhoods and supply sample copies of LUTHERAN MEN and organization material to prospective Brotherhoods in all synods of the U. L. C. A. A portion of the anniversary offering receipts will be devoted to the chaplains' subscription fund to supply LUTHERAN MEN to our army and navy chaplains, service and contact pastors, in addition to the reading rooms in our Lutheran Service Centers and the military training camps.

Your congregational Brotherhood treasurer is requested to forward check or money order payable to the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa., and designated for anniversary offering, **not later than October 31, 1946.** If your Brotherhood Sunday service will not be held prior to this date, may we ask that your members bring their anniversary offering envelopes to your November meeting.

WELCOME TO ERIE

We cardially invite you to attend the Fifteenth Biennial Convention of the Brotherhood of the U.L.C.A., which will be held at Erie, Pennsylvania, October 2-4, 1946.

Convention sessions and banquet will be held in the Masonic Temple. The Ford (Richford) Hotel will be the convention hotel.

The program has been planned around the challenging theme "Rebuilding for Christ."

Advance registration indicates a record breaking attentdance.

We can assure you that a visit to Erie, the "Gem City of the Great Lakes" will be a happy and worthwhile experience.

We are eagerly looking forward to seeing you in Erie. Let us make this the outstanding convention of our great organization. A hearty welcome awaits you in Erie.

Cordially yours,

William E. Pfister,
General Chairman
Erie Convention Committee.

Lutheran Boy Scouts

● **MR. EARLE W. BADER, Director**
Boy Scout Committee of The Brotherhood of The U.L.C.A.
Headquarters, 62 E. Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa.
DR. GEORGE A. EICHLER, Editor

The Complete Program

of Scouting consists of Cubbing, Scouting, and Senior Scouting. The Cubbing program is for boys 9 to 12 years of age. Scouting as we generally understand it includes boys from 12 to 15 years. Senior Scouting usually includes boys from 15 years to manhood when they are registered as Scouters or Scout leaders.

Every church should sponsor the complete program of Scouting. This may seem to be too much of a program to carry for some churches which have a limited number of men to serve on the sponsoring committees. Some may say that they have their hands full with the regular program which includes boys from 12 to 15 years. Carrying the complete program is not as burdensome as it seems. Besides, every church should have a complete program for its boys. Much good energy is lost between the ages of 9 and 12. Many boys look forward with great anticipation to their 12th birthday, the date when they can become a Scout. Cubbing not only takes up some of the excess energy of the boy but prepares him so that he is ready to become a Scout when he becomes 12 years of age.

Scouting proper serves boys very well until they are about 15 years of age. By this time he has absorbed most of what the program has to offer and he is now fully adolescent. His interests and needs change. He no longer fits perfectly into the program. He may become a problem in the Troop. Many troops after a number of years of operation have a considerable number of boys of this age and frequently run into diffiiculty with them. Certainly these boys should not be dropped from Scouting. This would be like driving a nail through a board and not clinching it on the other side. The answer is

Senior Scouting . . .

There are several divisions in Senior Scouting. The most important ones are Air, Sea, Explorer, and Rover Scouting. Scouts at 15 years are urged to leave their troops and register with one of the Senior units most in accordance with their likes. Some Scoutmasters do not like the idea of parting with their good patrol leaders even though they are glad to be rid of any boys who have ceased to be an asset to the Troop. It should be remembered that Scouting aims to train boy leaders and opportunities for leadership should be given to as many boys as possible.

The Senior program is adapted to the needs of boys in their later adolescent years. These are probably the most dangerous years of all. Statistics on crime indicate that this is true. Boys under 15 years are generally pretty much under the control of the home, school, and church. After they are 16 years old they are harder to handle. They may have already quit school and the range of their activities broadens and temptations increase greatly. They have arrived at the crossroads. They need the steadying influence of Scouting more than ever. The different avenues of Senior Scouting should be open to them.

Air Scouting . . .

We are living in an air age and boys are naturally air-minded. Air Scouting gives opportunity for boys to engage in many activities in the field of aviation. They study the principles underlying the flight of airplanes and construct many types of planes. Air Scouting includes activities covering the whole field of aviation except flying itself.

Sea Scouting . . .

The call of the sea has always been strong in the imagination of the boy. Sea Scouting has been in operation for many years and the program is well formulated and tested. The lore of the sea is taught in this branch of Scouting. All activities take place on board a real or imaginary ship. These include life on board a ship. Sea Scouts are taught the responsibility involved in the operation of a ship. The language of the ship is used and proper discipline is maintained.

Explorer Scouting . . .

Boys are natural explorers. This branch of Scouting extends its activities into the great out-of-doors. Hiking, camping, nature study bulk large in the program of the Explorer Scouts. The training which Scouts have previously received is extended into much broader and deeper channels. There is much vocational guidance in Explorer Scouting. The whole program is a series of exploratory activities which should help a boy in making a good vocational choice.

Rover Scouting . . .

is different from other forms of Senior Scouting in that it does not teach scout craft to any marked degree. It is philosophical in its aspect. Through its ceremony of meditation, hours of decision and vigil it aims to teach the art of self observation to the end that a boy may develop a wholesome philosophy of life based upon the Scout oath and Law.

There is so much rush and hurry in our present day living, even for young people, that a program which calls for quiet meditation and self examination is very timely. Rover Scouting endeavors to teach a boy the art of converting himself from the receiving stage to that of service.

All forms of Senior Scouting include activities emphasizing indoor, out-of-door, social, and service projects.

Consult Your Nearest Local Council for help in organizing any of these senior units in which you may be interested. Every Council has both professional and volunteer personnel that can tell you in detail how to start senior units. Senior Scouting is much easier to sponsor than Scouting for younger boys. The seniors are already trained Scouts and will assume much of the leadership themselves. They need sympathetic guidance on the part of seasoned and understanding Scouters. If your older boys are any kind of a problem in your Troop, look into this matter of Senior Scouting. You will be sure to find a happy and constructive solution.

The Third Scout Law . . .

A Scout is helpful—

He must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons,

and share home duties. He must **do at least one good turn to somebody every day.**

Worthwhile Activities for Lutheran Boy Scouts . . .

Assisting as usher in Church.

Serving as messenger.

Serving at Church dinners and helping in the kitchen.

The Peace Conference . . .
is in session in Paris as this is being written. Descriptions on the radio and in the newspapers picture it as anything but a peace conference. For several weeks now the members have argued about petty matters. We are beginning to wonder if we are again to lose the peace.

Peace dwells in the hearts of men who love their fellows and not in pacts and treaties. These are but scraps of paper unless men have been taught, "To help other people at all times." If we are to follow a trail to peace there must be mutual understanding and good will among all the peoples of the earth. There must be one world. We must learn to understand each other.

Scouting was a world-wide organization before the war and will be so again. The International Scout Committee met recently in London to plan for a World Jamboree in France during the summer of 1947. This will be an adventure in international understanding. There will not be lasting peace until there is international understanding. Scouting can and must play a large part in the development of the spirit of good will which will make lasting peace possible.

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Another Thank You!

United States Naval
Personnel Separation Center
Great Lakes, Illinois
21 August 1946

My dear Editor Traver:

Within a few days my more than four years of service in the Navy chaplaincy will be terminated. It is with mixed feelings of regret and anticipation that I leave this service to return to a civilian pastorate.

Your kindness in providing me gratis with your excellent publication, LUTHERAN MEN, has indeed been appreciated. I doubt whether you can fully know just how much your periodical, as well as those from various Lutheran church bodies, meant to the chaplain and the men he served. That contact with the home church not only kept us informed on what she was doing, but was also a source of needed confidence and courage in that it attested that our Church was with us in thought and prayer and effort.

Thank you for your fine publication and good will.

Sincerely,
Roy B. Schmeichel
Chaplain, USNR

Those who shared in the gift subscriptions to our chaplains may feel this a personal letter. It has been a great privilege to provide LUTHERAN MEN *for the chaplains, knowing that it was one more helpful contact with the home churches. Chaplains often felt cut off from the home church. Each visit of their church papers lifted morale and added courage.* *Ed*

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A wise man and a lunatic differ in this, that a wise man accepts and acts on facts; a lunatic accepts and acts on fancies.—Lewis Paton.

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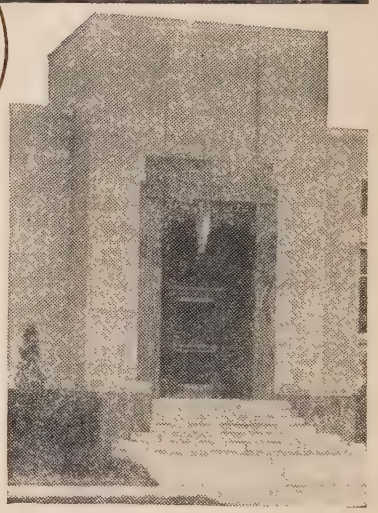

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Lutheran Men in Bible Study Classes

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An Open Forum . . .

We talk glibly about Bible study. And some of us have had considerable study of the Scriptures. But when it comes to saying just what or how a class or an informal group ought to study, it is not so easy. What would be a good idea?

Many different ways of studying the Scriptures are possible—as many ways as an informed imagination can figure out. Here are a few.

We may study to become acquainted with the general contents of the Book, the types of writings found in the various parts, ways of interpreting each kind, and the specific meaning which the different books and parts may have for current living. In this collection of literature we find poetry, narrative, drama, allegory, letters, and biography. Each has a special value, and when all are combined we have a wonderful source of spiritual wisdom. But if we blandly accept someone's estimate of the Bible, vaguely honor it, and let matters rest at that point, we are not going to derive much benefit from it. There has to be some personal digging.

Then, we may study *about* the Bible, its various books, and groups of books. The whole origin and background of a part of the Bible have much to do with the meaning of it. The authorship, the situation at the time of its origin, the problems which called it forth, the prevailing ways of thinking at the time, and other forms of religion which may have influenced the writer—all are interesting and informative factors in study.

A third way of studying the Bible is to try to get a complete understanding of a particular important subject, such as the future life, the idea of God in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, human nature, sin, redemption, forgiveness. spiritual growth, the church, and the kingdom of God. Any one of these topics would keep a class or an individual busy for some time.

Other approaches to Bible-study are to master individual books, writings by the same writer, the life of Christ, the life of Paul, the spread of the church, and the major personalities of the Bible.

It is possible to use the forum method of teaching outside a class?

A forum, or the forum method, is frequently used by other groups than classes, and it ought to be encouraged.

In some churches the entire adult group, all classes and auxiliaries, hold a series of forums which are linked up with a dinner at the church. A brief devotional period may precede or follow the dinner, and the rest of the evening, or as much as has been designated, may be given to the forum. Everyone may remain seated at the tables or, if the room is large enough, they may move from the tables and group themselves rather close together.

While there is considerable diversity in practice, a forum usually has but one speaker, and he should be very well qualified to deal with the topic and to answer the numerous questions which will probably be asked. An unqualified speaker can turn a possible fine evening into a disappointing affair, and make it impossible to attempt a forum again for a long while.

In some congregations a dinner forum is held once a quarter, at other places such occasions take place one night a week for six weeks, and in other cases forums occur once a month for as many months as desired. It is important to keep the appetite for such occasions keen and not overdo them at the outset.

What subjects may be discussed? The topics ought to represent the interests or problems of as many persons as possible. The hobby of one or a few people should not be ridden on such occasions. Topics and questions may be suggested, preferably in writing, by the various groups and individuals to be included, and a central committee left to make the choice.

If it is not too late a social half-hour may follow the discussion. Such provision for fellowship has real value.

Adequate publicity ought to be given to a dinner forum both before the event and after it has taken place.

Is there any real value in having book reviews in class sessions or in adult group meetings during the week?

There are large possibilities in book reviews, but, as in many other things, much depends on how well they are done and what sort of slant they are given.

Our adults ought to be reading more books and periodicals which have real positive value. And one of the most attractive ways of getting some of these before them is by means of reviews. A good review has in it information and inspiration, while the occasion may offer both fellowship and opportunity for worship.

There are numerous other organizations in whose meetings books are reviewed, poorly or well. But the kind of books that we need most are usually neglected in favor of the best-sellers, fictional and other types. The kind of literature that means most to adult church members is likely to get scant consideration at the hands of secular clubs and societies.

Reviews have an immediate value in giving people a short outline of the contents of the book, some evaluation, and some inclination to read. If their curiosity is aroused, that is some thing. The hope is that they will want to read at least some of the books that are reviewed, and perhaps buy a few. Possession of worthwhile books has a value. Reading a book does something to us, but if we read it, posses it, and value it, it becomes a part of ourselves. And if a book belongs to us we are at liberty to mark it. When I cannot mark a book I feel that much of the pleasure and value of reading is gone. Let's help people to go all the way.

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Graduate: Professor, I have made some money, and I want to do something for my college. I don't remember what studies I excelled in."

Professor: "In my classes, you slept most of the time."

Graduate: "I'll endow a dormitory." Texan Newsletter.—Christian Union Herald.

Topic of the Month

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The Challenge to Practice Stewardship

Topic for November, 1946

AIM: To help members of the Brotherhood grow in appreciation of the whole work of the whole church, and to foster in them a sense and spirit of stewardship.

NOTE: Topic leaders will find additional information and help in such books as: "Our Congregation and Its Work," by Keyser; "Our Church," by Knubel; "My Work," by Nolde and Hoh; "A Lamp of Burnished Gold," by Krauss; "Workers With God," by Greever; and "The Work of the Lord," by Greever.

Worship

Hymn, "I Love Thy Zion, Lord" — No. 200 C.S.B., or No. 131 P.S.H.
The Bidding Prayer, found in Common Service Book or a free prayer
Scripture: I Corinthians 4:1-5
Hymn, "O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" — No. 275 C.S.B., or No. 232 P.S.H.

The Topic

In the thinking of many people stewardship suggests only one thing: the giving of money to worthy causes. But in reality the mere giving of money falls far short of a true practice of stewardship. Stewardship is essentially a philosophy of life. It recognizes God as the Giver of every good thing which we possess, and it desires to use all of life in such a way that appreciation will be expressed to God for his goodness. The practice of Christian stewardship is living for God instead of for self. It knows no such term as "sacrificial giving," but only "consecrated giving." It consecrates more than money; it also consecrates time and talents.

It is impossible to practice Christian stewardship without first developing a deep appreciation of God and his church. But where such a deep appreciation of God and his church exists it is impossible to avoid the practice of stewardship. The person who has a lively appreciation of God as the Giver of life and all that is truly enjoyable; of Christ as the Redeemer who shed his blood for the forgiveness of sinners; of Christ as the teacher who gave men the pattern of perfect living; and of the Holy Ghost, who calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it in union with Jesus Christ in the true faith—the person who has a lively appreciation of these things cannot do otherwise than practice stewardship, that is, devote his time, his talents, his money, himself to the promotion of Christ's Kingdom.

In the current issue of LUTHERAN MEN there is an article by Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton under the title "The Stewardship Program of Our Church." It defines the tasks of the stewardship office of the United Lutheran Church as the secretary of stewardship conceives those tasks. The article places the whole stewardship program on a high spiritual level. It is an article that should be read by every member of the Brotherhood, and one that deserves careful analysis and discussion at Brotherhood meetings.

The Church's Task

The spirit of stewardship finds expression largely in and through the church. It therefore becomes important for us to understand our church and its work. But what is the work of the church? We sometimes say that the church has been commissioned to continue the work which Jesus Christ began while he was upon earth. But what is this work which Jesus began? It is described in Matthew 4:23: "And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in all their synagogues, **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing** all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Here we have Christ's program: teaching (education), preaching (missions), and healing (merciful works). This is the program that our United Lutheran Church carries on through its boards and agencies. This three-fold program is divided among the boards of the church in this way: **education**—the Board of Education, the Parish and Church School Board, and the Board of Publication; **missions**—the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of American Missions, and the Board of Social Missions; **merciful works**—Board of Pensions and Relief and the Board of Deaconess Work. No one who claims to be a follower of Christ can be indifferent to any part of this program.

Local congregations, synods, the United Lutheran Church, and the National Lutheran Council are all groups of Christians organized for the specific purpose of making it possible for individuals to carry on this three-fold task which Christ began to perform while upon earth. In other words the individual believer finds in the church the best avenue for giving expression to the spirit of stewardship.

The Church at Work

The local congregation consists of a group of believers who are trying to carry out their Lord's commands. But some of these commands cannot be carried out either by individuals working alone or by the local congregation. They can be carried out only as the result of action by a larger group. For instance, no individual can obey the command to preach the Gospel unto the uttermost ends of the earth. At best he can preach the Gospel in only one locality, whether that be in the United States, or China, or elsewhere. In order that these larger commands of Christ may be carried out congregations join themselves to other congregations and form synods. But even synods cannot do all the tasks which should be done, and so they pool their resources and endeavors and form a general body such as the United Lutheran Church. The United Lutheran Church then performs those tasks in the promotion of God' Kingdom which smaller groups of congregations or individuals could not hope to perform. There are even some tasks which the United Lutheran Church cannot well perform except through cooperation with other general bodies. The United Lutheran Church therefore pools its forces with other groups to form the National Lutheran Council; or it partici-

pates in the work of the American Bible Society, through which the Word of God is made available in many languages to God's children everywhere.

The United Lutheran Church on behalf of the individuals who comprise its membership carries on a vast work of kingdom building. In other words, through the United Lutheran Church the individual in part discharges his stewardship.

The United Lutheran Church carries on its work through administrative officers, boards, and committees. Its outstanding boards are: the Board of Education, which strives to promote Christian education in institutions of higher learning; the Parish and Church School Board, which projects a program of Christian education in the congregation and the home; the Board of Publication, which provides the church with its literature; the Board of Foreign Missions, which guides the work of spreading the Gospel in foreign lands; the Board of American Missions, which plants and promotes the church at home; the Board of Social Missions, which carries on a program of evangelism and loving service; the Board of Pensions and Relief, which cares for the aged and needy servants of the church; the Board of Deaconess Work, which enables consecrated women to render full time service in the church; and the Executive Board, which shares with the executive officers the task of administration.

What should impress us particularly as we consider the organization of our church is its basic simplicity, and its adaptability to serve the individual believer in carrying out the commands of his Lord. Without the help of the church at large it would be utterly impossible for any individual to begin to do the many tasks which his Christian calling demands of him. It is therefore entirely natural that the individual Christian turns to the church as the agency through which he can best practice Christian stewardship.

Privilege or Compulsion?

Is the practice of Christian stewardship a matter of compulsion? For the true Christian, yes. But it is a compulsion that comes from within, not one that exists from some external force. The Christian so deeply appreciates what his Lord and Saviour has done for him, he is so sensitive of the numberless blessings that flow into his life each day from the Giver of every good and perfect gift, he is so responsive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit who would lead men everywhere into fellowship with the Saviour, that he cannot do otherwise than devote his time, his talents, and his money to the advancement of the Kingdom of God. As a true follower of Jesus Christ the individual believer is grateful that his church comes to his assistance and makes it possible for him to make his life count for infinitely more good than would be possible if he did not have the help of the church. The Christian therefore never thinks of the practice of stewardship as a matter of compulsion but rather thinks of it as a blessed privilege.

The stewardship office of the United Lutheran Church has developed some splendid literature on stewardship during the last few years. If a member of the Brotherhood has made a study of this literature, opportunity should be given to him to present his findings to the Brotherhood at this point in the meeting.

Serving by Visiting

One way in which the individual believer can give expression to his sense of stewardship is by serving as an Every Member Visitor. The primary purpose of the Every Member visitation is to disseminate information about the church's work. Every Member Visitors are therefore bearers of good tidings. They enter homes to tell people about the vast work in which they have a part because of their gifts to the work of the church at large. They tell people how their gifts, even though they seem small in relation to the vastness of the need, yet make possible the work of the local congregation, the synod, and the United Lutheran Church as they are added to the gifts of many other believers. The Every Member Visitor has a thrilling story to tell—one that fellow-members will be glad to hear.

Sometimes people say that they cannot serve in connection with the Every Member Visitation because they do not have the courage to ask for financial pledges. Ah yes, the pledges! Well, we need never apologize when we offer a friend the opportunity to have a share in the Lord's work. If we clearly understand and fully appreciate that our contributions of money enable us to express loyalty and love to the Christ who died that we might live we will want to lead others to have a share in the joy which comes from supporting the whole work of the church. We will then think of ourselves not as solicitors of funds, but as Christ's messengers going forth to invite others to join with us in promoting the kingdom by a practice of true stewardship—stewardship that goes beyond the giving of money and includes also the giving of time and talents, a true stewardship of life.

Assignment of the Project for the December Meeting

Cf. the article, "Our Christmas Plans" in the current issue of LUTHERAN MEN.
Hymn, "We Give Thee But Thine Own"—
No. 387 C.S.B., or No. 280 P.S.H.
Lord's Prayer and Benediction
Fellowship and refreshments

Alternate Topics

1. Study the Calendar of Causes, and ask what bearing this has upon the development of a sense of stewardship.

2. Ask the chairman of the Every Member Visitation to outline plans for this year's visitation.

3. Make a study of the congregation's budget for local expenses and benevolences to discover whether the congregation as a whole is practicing Christian stewardship.

Our Christian Plans

Project for the December Meeting

Members of the Brotherhood should take a leading part in helping the entire congregation to enjoy fine Christmas services. A committee of three might therefore be appointed to develop plans for the Brotherhood. These plans should certainly include the December meeting of the Brotherhood, but they might well extend beyond that meeting. Suggestions of the committee might include such things as:

1. Decorating the church and Sunday school for Christmas.

2. Assisting the choir in its program of Christmas caroling either by singing with the carolers or by offering automobiles for the transportation of carolers.

3. Presentation of a special gift to some retired minister or minister's widow.

4. Sending a special gift to the Board of Pensions and Relief.

5. A special gift to the pastor and outstanding lay leaders in appreciation of their service.

6. Appointment of committees to invite the unchurched to the Christmas services.

7. An appointment of committees to bring Christmas cheer to the sick and shutins.

8. Appointment of committees to assist the pastor throughout the com-

ing year in performing routine tasks.

If the candlelight service, which will be part of the December topic, is to be used special effort should be made to have all the men of the congregation attend the December meeting. In fact the entire congregation might be invited to participate in the Brotherhood Christmas service. The effectiveness will depend in part upon having a considerable group of people participate.

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The Stewardship Program of Our Church

By Clarence C. Stoughton, LL.D.

Our church made a sharp change of direction in its whole stewardship program at its 1944 biennial convention in Minneapolis. It started out, in fact, on what was virtually a new road. Within a year after that convention a stewardship office had been set up at the church headquarters, the first such office in the history of the United Lutheran Church.

Up to that time the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship had carried the full burden of stewardship promotion, and it had done a splendid job. Now, by action of the church, the Laymen's Movement was to get help. and the entire program was to be widely expanded. In order that everyone might understand that this was a completely co-operative endeavor the Laymen's Movement and the stewardship office were united in the person of one secretary.

What is the program of this new, unitedly-operated, centrally-located stewardship office of the United Lutheran Church?

To Tell What Stewardship Is

To tell our membership what stewardship is—clearly, insistently, directly—is the first aim of the new office. Stewardship is a term that is smothered by a fog of confused thinking. To define what we think in the United Lutheran Church mean by it is certainly one of our most necessary tasks.

"Christian stewardship is the practice of the Christian religion". Out of a multitude of definitions this one by Dr. W. H. Greever, in "The Work of the Lord", tells the whole story. " . . . the practice of the Christian religion". That's it. Stewardship is everything we do, once we fully understand God's love for us. It's what happens to a man when he looks up into the face of Jesus and says with intense earnestness: "Thou knowest I love Thee." It's the consequence of our believing. It's doing, action, "practice".

By written and spoken word, by conferences and discussions, by addresses, and by every other way possible, the stewardship office will seek to burn this truth of stewardship into the minds and hearts of our people. It will not be enough to speak with pastors alone; this thinking must get through to our whole membership. Congregations must be stirred to a greater and more fruitful *practice* of Christianity. In no other way can the present poor record of the United Lutheran Church be improved.

A little bulletin, "Stewardship", is being sent directly to church councilmen and other leaders of our congregations, both men and women. Congregations may send in lists of names of people to whom they wish the publication sent, and each month thereafter it will go directly into the homes of these people. Through the co-operation of synodical stewardship committees and synodical presidents such lists have been coming in rapidly. About 30,000 copies of the bulletin are now being sent out. It is expected that 50,000 will soon be distributed each month.

Conferences of church councilmen are being held in all parts of our church. Here again the whole meaning of stewardship is carefully explained and discussed. The New York, Nova Scotia, North Carolina, California, and Canada Synods have already had series of such conferences. South Carolina, Illinois, and Pennsylvania are scheduled for future dates.

The Every Member Visitation

The second task of the stewardship office is the old one of urging our congregations to make a much wider use of the Every Member Visitation. EMV, to alphabetize in the mood of our day, has always been one of the major concerns of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement. It must continue to be a major concern, for the Every Member Visitation is basic evangelism and at the same time the best procedure for gathering funds with which to do the work of the Lord.

EMV is basic evangelism. Roughly one-third of our confirmed membership does not commune. That fact speaks loudly and urgently. It tells us that more than 400,000 of our people do not attend services regularly, generally do not contribute, and are largely indifferent. How shall we renew the interest of such disinterested folk, re-awaken slumbering loyalties, and return them to the church, except through the visitation? Surely such visitation should be made more than once a year, but even once is better than not at all. The EMV is bed-rock evangelism.

EMV is the best way to reach financial objectives—congregational, synodical, ULCA. In one form or another (and there is no one pattern that is best) it is still the best procedure a church can command. Even as we call men to *do* the work of the Lord we must help them realize that there is often no other way they can *do* their work except through their money. Money is simply themselves, projected out to do the tasks. The EMV is the process of going to *all* our people to give them the privilege of sharing in the whole work of the Lord and of practicing their religion.

The stewardship office is directly charged with helping all our congregations and synods attain the goal of meeting in full their share of the $2,500,000 income—objective of the ULCA, as a minimum. In no other way except by our members giving at least $2,500,000 to the ULCA can the work be done which has been entrusted to the ULCA by individual congregations and synods. *We must reach* $2,500,000 *this year!* That is the *minimum* need of the church.

Raising the Level

There is a third objective of the stewardship office—raising the level of giving. Here, particularly, has the practice of our religion been weak. Giving for all purposes in the ULCA—for local needs, for synodical purposes, for special causes, for ULCA work—averaged $18.86 per confirmed member in 1945. That gave our church 14th place among the 18 major denominations in the United States.

The facts may also be stated this way. This past year our congregations sent to ULCA $1,920,390 for all the work of world missions, home missions, deaconess work, and all the other program committed to it. That is the largest amount we have ever given to the ULCA in its whole history. Yet it represents an average of slightly more than $2.00 per year for each communing member, or about half a cent per day. One-half cent a a day for building churches, schools, and hospitals in India, Liberia, China,

Japan, South America; or establishing new congregations all over the United States and Canada; for evangelism, and the National Lutheran Council; for the American Bible society, and for Christian education. One-half cent for all these, mind you, not for each!

The stewardship office therefore believes it is time to set new standards for individual giving. It is time, for example, that we give serious attention to tithing. Let us not get entangled in arguments about "legalism", for we usually spend so much energy in argument that we have none left for the actual business of giving of any sort. Let us merely say that a reasonable standard at which any Christian may *begin* his giving is the tithe. There is plenty of reason for Christians to go far beyond, if they really love their Lord, and really understand and are grateful for all his giving to them. But let us at least begin with the tithe.

Congregations, too, can well set new goals for their giving. What is a reasonable norm or standard here? The "balanced" or "50-50" budget, in which a congregation divides every dollar of income "50-50"—one half for the work within the local parish and one half for the wider work as it is carried on by the synod or ULCA—might well be the ideal toward which every Christian group might strive. The blessings that flow to congregations which follow this practice are amazing. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"—there's the divine command, the imperative. Is there any good reason why we do not apply it to our congregational giving?

LLM Goals

One more objective in the stewardship program is to enlist 250 members in the Lutheran Laymen's Movement by the time of the Cleveland Convention of our church, and then to go on to a goal of 1000 members by 1950. What a compelling program of stewardship can be put into effect when a thousand men of our church will each give $100 to $1000 each year for that sole purpose. Nothing will stop the ULCA then! To this big job every layman of our church is invited. Upon the realization of this objective depends much of the success of the other three.

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"Dere Sirs: Please send me my money back. After taking six cans of yore corn syrup my feet ain't no better than they wuz."—Watchword.

Report of the Editor Of Lutheran Men

Again, at the end of another biennium, my report to the Brotherhood begins with appreciation for the privilege of editorship. There has been no disposition on the part of the president, the executive secretary, the executive committee or any of our leaders to limit editorial freedom of expression. Indeed they have proved their confidence in numberless ways.

The reception of LUTERHAN MEN on the part of the men of the Church has also been most considerate. No group in the Church could have been easier to please. To have partnership with them in their program of education and service has been a real joy.

To those who have regularly contributed to LUTHERAN MEN I owe a special gratitude. Special mention should be made of the executive secretary, the president, Secretaries Getz and Rudisill, Arthur Black (whose loss was most keenly felt). Mr. Hickman, Dr. Stoughton, Pastor's Imhoff, Barkley and Masheck, and for Scouting, Chairman Foster and Dr. Eichler. When we recall that no remuneration is provided for these contributors we can appraise more fully the debt we owe them.

With regard to the stewardship department, conferences with Dr. Stoughton led to its discontinuance, since he preferred to use the department of Guest Contributions. He is quite right in feeling that stewardship should pervade the whole of the Church program rather than to seem to be a separate interest. Articles furnished by his office will appear each month.

Early in the biennium the eye strain of proof reading became too great for Mrs. Traver to continue. Since I could not undertake this task myself, I offered my resignation. The executive committee was gracious and insisted that I continue, arranging a satisfactory proof-reading service with Prof. Rights of the Department of English at Lehigh University.

Only one issue had to be omitted, that of June 1946, due to the burning of the Bethlehem plant of the Lehigh Printing Company. The sympathy of the Brotherhood should go to Mr. Earl Schaeffer, for the financial loss was heavy. A double issue was printed, June-July, in his Allentown plant and there the printing will continue, Mr. Schaeffer has given splendid cooperation in every respect.

I appreciate too the increase of remuneration to the editor from $35 to $50 per month. While still in the pastorate I had refused the higher amount, but the desire on the part of the executive committee seemed so sincere and the value of the dollar had so shrunk that I was quite willing to accept.

The editorial policy has been to offer more than an organization organ. LUTHERAN MEN must always be that. It is frankly promotional of the Brotherhood. But it can be more. It has attempted to keep Lutheran men informed of the whole program of the whole Church. In the department "Letterally Yours" it offers free expression to anyone whose opinions may be of general interest. Letters telling of local Brotherhood problems and projects as well as those touching the larger interests of the Church are invited.

We have tried to make LUTHERAN MEN interesting. It should be read by every Lutheran man as a duty. But this motive for reading would be considered an evidence of failure on the part of the editor. When a subscriber writes more or less heatedly that his copy is late or has not come, it warms the editorial heart. It is something to be worthy to be missed!

This biennium has been noted for the service rendered our Lutheran men in service and their chaplains. Letters are still expressing thanks for this service To each Lutheran man who contributed to the support of this service should come a feeling of real partnership in the work of the Lutheran Service Men's Commission. LUTHERAN MEN helped, according to the testimony of many chaplains, to keep alive the ties with the home churches

Finally I express again my thanks to one and all who have shared in the LUTHERAN MEN enterprise. Let us continue to widen its range of service through individual salesmanship. If LUTHERAN MEN means something worth while to you or to your Brotherhood, "Say it with subscriptions!"

Respectfully submitted
Amos John Traver, *Editor*

REGRETTABLE ERROR . . .

In the introduction to Dr. Seeger's splendid article "Winning Youth" the last sentence should be omitted. Page 31, June-July issue. With copy burned the editor can not check the original. Dr. Seeger was NOT leading a "secular mission" anywhere. No doubt it was a student Christian mission.

Our front cover pictures the convention Church at Erie — Luther Memorial. Rev. E. Maclay Gearhart, D.D., pastor. This historic church was host to the 1928 convention of the ULC.

In order to include reports and articles useful to the convention it has been necessary to omit some of our departments. Our columns will be crowded for the next few issues with convention reports. We apologize to contributors whose articles and letters must wait for space to print them.

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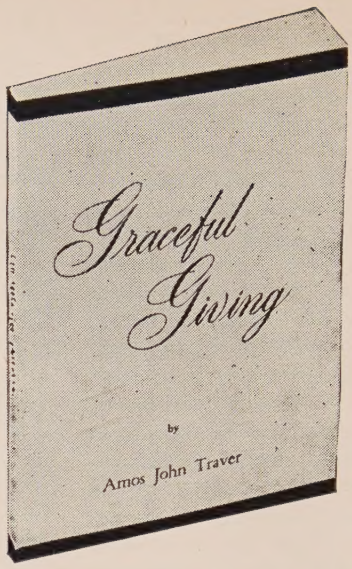

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